

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS GLORIA MOLINA AND DON KNABE January 22, 2013

The Sheriff is directly responsible for providing law enforcement patrol services to the residents of our unincorporated communities and certain specialized law enforcement services on a Countywide basis. In addition, forty-two cities and other agencies contract with the Sheriff department for patrol services.

Recently, Board offices learned that the Sheriff's entire allocated overtime budget was being suspended as of January 13, 2013. It is our understanding that this action will result in a dramatic reduction which will primarily affect Unincorporated Patrol services.

For FY 2012-13 the Sheriff Department's total budget is \$2.686 billion. The Patrol Budget Unit was allocated \$848 million of which \$473 million (54%) was specifically earmarked for unincorporated patrol services. The Sheriff's Patrol Budget represents 17.6 percent of the Sheriff's \$2.686 billion budget.

If the Sheriff proceeds with this targeted reduction it will mean significantly **fewer patrol cars** for Unincorporated areas. For example, in Valinda and Bassett, there is a 62 percent reduction in patrol cars. Before the reduction, these areas had 5.3 evening patrol cars; after the cuts, only two patrol cars will remain. In addition, the

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unincorporated areas of Azusa, Claremont and Pomona have experienced a 100 percent reduction or loss of an entire patrol car in early mornings. The later shifts have suffered a 66 percent cut in service for these communities.

In Unincorporated South Whittier and Unincorporated East Whittier, in addition to the loss of a two-man special problems team, the areas were reduced from an average of 12 patrol cars per 24 hours to as low as 6 patrol cars per 24 hours. This does not include the loss of the additional two Special Assignment Officer deputies which is an over 50 percent reduction in total services in these areas.

Public safety is one of the highest priorities for the residents of our County and its residents. Previously, this Board—working with Sheriff Baca—agreed to establish station staffing compliance minutes tied to Patrol Budget funding to ensure that law enforcement services for unincorporated communities would not be shortchanged. The Board has met its part of the bargain by funding the Patrol Budget at the agreed upon levels. Now the Sheriff has a duty to ensure that residents in our unincorporated areas receive the same level of services enjoyed by the residents of Cities who contract for the Sheriff's law enforcement services.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Sheriff or Undersheriff, along with Chief Executive Office budget staff, provide a budget update during a set matter at 2:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013, to explain the Sheriff's budget deficit and proposed reductions. The update should include a description of service level impacts and also provide alternative cost mitigation measures to achieve the needed deficit reduction.

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